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The Truth About Afghanistan



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Afghanistan Harvests Another Bumper Opium Crop

Introduction

Welcomed to the **OzBoy File "The Truth About Afghanistan"** in this issue we look at some of the players benefiting from the drug trade in that country.

And you thought we were there to bring peace, security, freedom to the people, we invaded Afghanistan for two reasons only

- 1) To build a Oil Pipe Line
- 2) To take control of the drug trade

As you will read under the religious fanatic's The Taliban they went around destroying the crops because it's against their Islamic religion.



As Official records will show they cut down the drug trade for the whole country to 187 tons.

Since we have been there and taken control it's increased from 187 tons to 5,600 tones, it was all about controlling the drugs grown, distributed and sold.

Anyway don't believe me?

Read for yourself as I present 3 stories written by different people who have researched this sordid story.



Chapter 1

U.S. Special Forces' opium smuggling in Afghanistan draws ire of Aga Khan

By
Wayne Madsen

Sources close to the Aga Khan (the Imam of the Shia Ismaili Muslims) report that his special envoy to Kabul and Islamabad has complained to the Hamid Karzai government about the involvement of U.S. Special Forces and paramilitary private contractors in Afghan opium commerce.

The smuggling of opium from Afghanistan, according to Afghan and Ismaili sources, involves trans-shipment routes through Turkey and the Balkans.

The U.S. Special Forces are working with Russian-Israeli Mafia and Greek and Kurdish Mafia syndicates in Turkey to smuggle the opium.

The proceeds from the opium smuggling are being laundered through Russian/Israeli Mafia-controlled banks in Cyprus.

The smuggling is also reported to involve the huge worldwide air cargo fleet of alleged Russian Jewish weapons smuggler (and friend of Afghan warlord Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum and former supplier of arms to the Taliban and Al Qaeda) Viktor Bout.

Iranian intelligence is also keenly aware of the U.S. military's role in smuggling Afghan opium to Turkey and beyond.

As previously reported by WMR, the Russian/Israeli Mafia-connected Jack Abramoff targeted recently-convicted Ohio Republican Rep. Bob Ney with tainted money in order to neutralize him as a back channel for the CIA to Tehran.

Ney worked in Iran's School of Shiraz in 1978 where he became conversant in Farsi.

He was also an "energy consultant" (CIA non-official cover) at the same time and was involved with Iran's initial nuclear program development, a program encouraged and assisted by the United States.

While a member of the House, Ney provided important contacts for the CIA's Counter-proliferation Division and the CIA front company exposed by the White House -- Brewster Jennings & Associates.

But Ney may not be the only back channel to Iran neutralized by the neo-cons, who are anxious for a war with Iran.

According to WMR's Middle East sources, the recent rape charges against Israel's President Moshe Katsav reportedly are an attempt to neutralize him as a back channel to Tehran.

Katsav, an Iranian Yazdi Jew, is said to have an important direct link to former Iranian President Mohamed Khatami.

One of Katsav's cousins studied with Khatami at Tehran University.

In fact, Khatami studied and translated the works of Alexis de Tocqueville into Farsi.

Katsav's back channel to Khatami, whose recent visit to the United States was decried by the neo-con quarters, was as worrisome to the neo-cons as Ney's direct links to Tehran.

Therefore, Katsav was charged with sexually assaulting a member of the staff at his official residence -- eliminating another important link between the West and Iran.

Ney (l.) and Katsav (r. with George W. Bush) -- victims of neo-con roll up of Iran back channel contacts.

According to U.S. intelligence sources, one of the reasons former Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage was eager to expose the CIA's Counter-Proliferation work in South and Southeast Asia was that it focused on long-standing smuggling routes.

Dating back to the 1970s, when Armitage worked as a partner for SEA THAI Ltd., a CIA "import-export" proprietary firm in Bangkok. Part of his time with SEA THAI was during the CIA directorship of George H. W. Bush in 1976, a time when the CIA was engaged in opium smuggling with the northern Burmese renegade army of Gen. Khun Sa.

This was also a time during which the initial nuclear weapons smuggling operations of Pakistan's Abdul Qadeer Khan and his CIA enablers was underway -- operations that were known to Bob Ney in Iran in the late 1970s and other CIA agents who preceded by over a decade Valerie Plame Wilson and Brewster Jennings in tracking the nuclear smuggling routes that also involved drug smuggling operations.

Before arriving in Bangkok, Armitage was stationed in Tehran from 1975 to 1976 where he worked with future Iran-Contra weapons smuggling perpetrator, Gen. Richard Secord.

In 1978, without any previous experience on Capitol Hill, Armitage became administrative assistant to Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas.

Had Gerald Ford won re-election as president in 1976, it is clear that Armitage would have gone to the White House to work for a Vice President Bob Dole.

Instead, he bided his time and joined the Reagan administration in 1981 as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for East Asia and Pacific Affairs and then as 1983 to May 1989, he served as Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs from 1983 to 1989.

From 1989 to 1993, President George H. W. Bush appointed Armitage Special Mediator for Water in the Middle East and Coordinator for Emergency Humanitarian Assistance to the Newly Independent States (NIA) -- a position in which Armitage had first-hand contact with post-Soviet leaders like Azerbaijan's Gaidar Aliev, with whom Armitage would strike even closer ties as head of the U.S.-Azerbaijan Chamber of Commerce.

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The exposure of CIA covert networks in Asia involved in ferreting out nuclear and other smuggling activities kept sleeping dogs laying for members of the Bush II administration who feared exposure of their past and current activities.



These are two good source websites for information



Chapter 2

Afghanistan Five Years Later: Buildings Down, Heroin Up

By
Mike Whitney

Five years after toppling the fanatical Taliban, Hamid Karzai is expected to sign an agreement for economic assistance from more than 60 donor countries.

The Afghanistan Compact is just the latest of many plans to restore security to the war-torn nation and revive the fragile economy.

It is a poignant reminder that the Bush administration's promises to rebuild the country and establish democracy have never been realized.

Afghanistan has been a policy disaster from the get-go.

The country is ravaged by war and unemployment, security beyond the capital of Kabul is virtually nonexistent, and malnutrition rates among children are higher than they are anywhere other than sub-Saharan Africa.

Now, Karzai, who has seen his funding from the US slashed year after year, is forced to take his begging bowl to the world community; asking for the crumbs they can spare to bandage his failed-state together.

Afghanistan excels in one thing alone; the production and export of opium, a booming business which now provides 90% of the world's heroin.



Is this what Bush had in mind when he promised Americans to rebuild and democratize the battle-scarred country; a modern-day drug-colony, occupied by legions of indifferent volunteers who rarely venture beyond their US controlled compounds?

His promise of a Marshall Plan was similar to all of Bush's promises; just more hot air hissssssing from a punctured tire.

After overthrowing the Taliban Bush made this commitment to the people of Afghanistan

"We know that true peace will only be achieved when we give the Afghan people the means to achieve their own aspirationsWe're working hard in Afghanistan.

We're clearing minefields.

We're rebuilding roads.

We're improving medical care.

And we will work to help Afghanistan to develop an economy that can feed its people without feeding the world's demand for drugs By helping to build an Afghanistan that is free from this evil and is a better place in which to live, we are working in the best traditions of George Marshall.

Marshall knew that our military victory against enemies in World War II had to be followed by a moral victory that resulted in better lives for individual human beings."

"Marshall Plan?"

"Building roads?"

"Improving medical care?"

"Developing the economy?"



Bush's penchant for hyperbole has not been lost on the Afghani people.

"The new Afghan government promised us new schools, clinics, water pumps, but it has done nothing at all. People are so disappointed.

At least the Taliban would grade the roads, build madras's, while this government has done nothing," said Nyamatullah, Zabul tribal leader.

"This government has done nothing" is a fitting summary of the Afghanistan failure.

The Bush administration had no intention of rebuilding or democratizing the country, rather the full thrust of the American effort has been to paper-over the obvious deficiencies of the policy with glowing media reports.

The western media has done an impressive job in convincing the American people that progress is being made in Afghanistan when, in fact, the country continues to languish in destitution and chaos.

On a recent trip, Secretary Rumsfeld said that Afghanistan was "a model" of a growing democracy. "A model"?

The majority of the new Afghan Parliament is comprised of warlords and ex-Taliban fighters reintegrated into the system by a reconciliation program endorsed by the United States.

This has weakened the central government and ensured that the countryside has remained under the control of the regional warlords.

American puppet, Karzai has no power beyond the capital and must be protected by 40 to 50 U.S. paid bodyguards wherever he goes.

Is this Rumsfeld's model of democracy?

Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice is equally disingenuous in her praise of Afghanistan's strides towards democracy



"The transformation of Afghanistan is remarkable but incomplete, and it is essential that we all increase our support for the Afghan people."

There's been no "transformation" of Afghanistan.

As the New York Times reports, "Afghanistan does not have a viable economy.

Its government is largely reliant on foreign aid (while) it struggles with an insurgency" "The country of 25 million people has some of the worst economic and health indicators in the world.

6 million people rely on food aid, 80% of the people are illiterate, and there is virtually no industry."

In the last year the resurgent Taliban have increased their attacks, further destabilizing areas in the south and prompting President Karzai to publicly announce that he would provide amnesty for Taliban chieftain Mullah Omar.

Have him "get in touch" if he wants to talk peace, Karzai said.

Karzai's remarks show us how far we have come from the swagger and bravado of George Bush who promised to capture Omar "dead or alive"?

Now even Bin Laden's closest allies are being offered amnesty in an effort to quell the violence.

What does that say about the administration's claim that "We will never bargain with terrorists"?

Afghanistan is Bush's dystopia, a failed narco-state run by American puppets, Islamic fundamentalists and human rights abusers.

The corporate media has done the American people a grave disservice by characterizing this drug-dependent settlement as a burgeoning democracy.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

The Karzai regime has no popular mandate and will vanish in the first hours after the American occupation ends.

And, it should end immediately.

Like Iraq, American troops have become the catalyst for hostilities; the focus of blame for the country's grim predicament.

The recent incident of American servicemen burning the corpses of dead Taliban soldiers has only exacerbated the tensions that exist between the native Muslims and the Christian occupiers.

The cultural divisions, and the violence they incite, are the inevitable upshot of the imperial project.

The invasion of Afghanistan was sold to the American people by a silver-tongued executive and a battery of public relations fraudsters.

Years later we can see that all the hype about "democratic revolution" and "liberation" was just baseless twaddle.

The country is a basket-case and "ranks among the half-dozen poorest countries in the world". "with the highest level of malnutrition in the world at 70%." (Jim Lobe)

This is Bush's definition of success endless bloodshed surrounded by grinding poverty.

The Bush administration will never rebuild Afghanistan.

In fact, they are ideologically opposed to "nation building" as a waste of revenue that can be siphoned off to multinational corporations.

So, too, they are against any form of governance that does not conform to the economic diktats of the central banks and their satellites at the IMF, World Bank, and the Federal Reserve.

Afghanistan illustrates the shortcomings of a foreign policy that depends entirely on war to achieve its objectives.

Neither peace nor security can be achieved under occupation.

America needs to withdraw its troops so that sovereignty can be restored, order can be re-established, and the long march towards economic recovery can begin.

Chapter 3

Who benefits from the Afghan Opium Trade?

This trade can only prosper if the main actors involved in narcotics have "political friends in high places."

By
Michel Chossudovsky

The United Nations has announced that opium poppy cultivation in Afghanistan has soared and is expected to increase by 59% in 2006.

The production of opium is estimated to have increased by 49% in relation to 2005.

The Western media in chorus blame the Taliban and the warlords.

The Bush administration is said to be committed to curbing the Afghan drug trade: "The US is the main backer of a huge drive to rid Afghanistan of opium... "

Yet in a bitter irony, US military presence has served to restore rather than eradicate the drug trade.

Taliban government was instrumental in implementing a successful drug eradication program, with the support and collaboration of the UN.

Implemented in 2000-2001, the Taliban's drug eradication program led to a 94 percent decline in opium cultivation.

In 2001, according to UN figures, opium production had fallen to 185 tons.

Immediately following the October 2001 US led invasion, production increased dramatically, regaining its historical levels.

The Vienna based UN Office on Drugs and Crime estimates that the 2006 harvest will be of the order of 6,100 tonnes, 33 times its production levels in 2001 under the Taliban government (3200 % increase in 5 years).

Cultivation in 2006 reached a record 165,000 hectares compared with 104,000 in 2005 and 7,606 in 2001 under the Taliban (See table below).

Destabilizing Afghanistan's Agriculture

The US led invasion and military occupation has served to protect the lucrative Golden Crescent drug trade, which has resulted in billions of dollars of revenue accruing to corporate syndicates, organized crime and Western financial institutions.

It has also contributed to destroying Afghanistan's agricultural base.

From the outset of the US led occupation, the introduction and imposition of genetically modified seeds by US aid agencies has contributed to destabilizing and ultimately destroying the agricultural cycle.

(see <http://www.mindfully.org/GE/GE4/Afghan-Donations-GMOs28jan02.htm>)

The US supplied Afghanistan with genetically modified wheat together with appropriate types of fertilizer to be used with the GM wheat, which was said to be high yield drought resistant.

The donation of GM wheat granted in the form of aid, however, has led to destabilizing the small peasant economy because the GM wheat varieties could not reproduced locally in village nurseries.

In 2002, famines which were barely reported by the media, swept the country.

Multibillion dollar trade

According to the UN, Afghanistan supplies in 2006 some 92 percent of the world's supply of opium, which is used to make heroin.

The UN estimates that for 2006, the contribution of the drug trade to the Afghan economy is of the order of 2.7 billion.

What it fails to mention is the fact that more than 95 percent of the revenues generated by this lucrative contraband accrues to business syndicates, organized crime and banking and financial institutions.

A very small percentage accrues to farmers and traders in the producing country.

(See also UNODC, The Opium Economy in Afghanistan, http://www.unodc.org/pdf/publications/afg_opium_economy_www.pdf, Vienna, 2003, p. 7-8)

"Afghan heroin sells on the international narcotics market for 100 times the price farmers get for their opium right out of the field".(US State Department quoted by the Voice of America (VOA), 27 February 2004).

Based on wholesale and retail prices in Western markets, the earnings generated by the Afghan drug trade are colossal.

In July 2006, street prices in Britain for heroin were of the order of Pound Sterling 54, or \$102 a gram.

Narcotics On the Streets of Western Europe

One kilo of opium produces approximately 100 grams of (pure) heroin. 6100 tons of opium allows the production of 1220 tons of heroin with a 50 percent purity ratio.

The average purity of retailed heroin can vary.

It is on average 36%.

In Britain, the purity is rarely in excess of 50 percent, while in the US it can be of the order of 50-60 percent.

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Assuming an average purity ratio of 36 percent and the average British price, the cash value of Afghan heroin sales would be of the order of 194.4 billion dollars.

While these figures do not constitute precise estimates, they nonetheless convey the sheer magnitude of this multibillion dollar narcotics trade out of Afghanistan.

Based on the first figure which provides a conservative estimate, the cash value of these sales, once they reach Western retail markets are in excess of 120 billion dollars a year.

(See also our detailed estimates for 2003 in The Spoils of War: Afghanistan's Multibillion Dollar Heroin Trade, by Michel Chossudovsky, The UNODC estimates the average retail price of heroin for 2004 to be of the order of \$157 per gram, based on the average purity ratio).

Narcotics: Second to Oil and the Arms Trade

The foregoing estimates are consistent with the UN's assessment concerning the size and magnitude of the global drug trade.

The Afghan trade in opiates (92 percent of total World production of opiates) constitutes a large share of the worldwide annual turnover of narcotics, which was estimated by the United Nations to be of the order of \$400-500 billion.

(Douglas Keh, Drug Money in a Changing World, Technical document No. 4, 1998, Vienna UNDCP, p. 4.

See also United Nations Drug Control Program, Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1999, E/INCB/1999/1 United Nations, Vienna 1999, p. 49-51, and Richard Lapper, UN Fears Growth of Heroin Trade, Financial Times, 24 February 2000).

The IMF estimated global money laundering to be between 590 billion and 1.5 trillion dollars a year, representing 2-5 percent of global GDP. (Asian Banker, 15 August 2003).

A large share of global money laundering as estimated by the IMF is linked to the trade in narcotics.

Legal Business and Illicit Trade are Intertwined

There are powerful business and financial interests behind narcotics.

From this standpoint, geopolitical and military control over the drug routes is as strategic as oil and oil pipelines.

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Moreover, the above figures including those on money laundering, confirm that the bulk of the revenues associated with the global trade in narcotics are not appropriated by terrorist groups and warlords, as suggested by the UNODC report.

In the case of Afghanistan, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime estimates that a mere 2.7 billion accrues as revenue within Afghanistan.

According to the US State department "Afghanistan drug profits support the Taliban and their terrorism efforts against the United States, its allies and the Afghan government." (statement, the House Appropriations foreign operations, export financing and related programs subcommittee. September 12, 2006)

However, what distinguishes narcotics from legal commodity trade is that narcotics constitutes a major source of wealth formation not only for organized crime but also for the US intelligence apparatus, which increasingly constitutes a powerful actor in the spheres of finance and banking.

This relationship has been documented by several studies including the writings of Alfred McCoy.

(Drug Fallout: the CIA's Forty Year Complicity in the Narcotics Trade. The Progressive, 1 August 1997).

In other words, intelligence agencies, powerful business, drug traders and organized crime are competing for the strategic control over the heroin routes.

A large share of this multi-billion dollar revenues of narcotics are deposited in the Western banking system.

Most of the large international banks together with their affiliates in the offshore banking havens launder large amounts of narco-dollars.

This trade can only prosper if the main actors involved in narcotics have "political friends in high places." Legal and illegal undertakings are increasingly intertwined, the dividing line between "businesspeople" and criminals is blurred.

In turn, the relationship among criminals, politicians and members of the intelligence establishment has tainted the structures of the state and the role of its institutions including the Military.

Conclusion

So there you have it, the invasion of Afghanistan had nothing to do with the Taliban, or freedom and democracy it was all about building the pipeline and taking control of the heroin trade and you can see who benefits from the heroin trade.



I have brought this to all political parties in Australia and nobody will admit or address the issue of Australian sending our troops to Afghanistan for the above purpose of supporting the illegal drugs industry.

They all deny its happening.

This is absolutely criminal and corruption at the highest level of Government sending Australian troops to Afghanistan to support the drug industry there.

And it proves all political parties to be corrupt.

I hope you have enjoyed reading **The OzBoy File – Truth About Afghanistan**. Don't forget some of our other Books up here on Scibd.com FREE for you to read, please tell all your friends and family about these Books to read.

Thank You



Finally I will end with this **"Little Afghanistan Girl"** her message for **American, English & NATO Rat Troops** who have **"Bombed Her Country"** back to the stone age.

Her icy face tells the story, in years to come I can see her training in the Russian Military, learning to be An Assassin and killing a few Political Leaders **Bush? Cheney? Blair? Howard? Hilary Clinton? Rudd? Obama? Gillard?** Hey don't attack me, I never sent Troops to her country who killed all her family, if people think there will be no **"Blow Back"** live in denial.



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